PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION—1946/1121.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday, the 25th July 1946/9th Karkadagom 1121.

The Assembly met again at 11 of the clock in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aivar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., LL.D. the Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies and Secretary to Government.*)
2. Mr. Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai (*Secretary to Government.*)
3. Mr. N. Ramamurti (*Director of Transport.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Civil Liberties.

104. ✻ MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether restrictions are now imposed on the civil liberties of any subject of His Highness the Maharaja;

(*b*) if so, the names of such persons;

(*c*) the grounds on which such restrictions are imposed; and

(*d*) the period for which such restrictions are to continue?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR (*Inspector-General of Police*):

(*a*) None at present.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (a) these questions do not arise.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member when the restrictions were raised?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: Formal orders have been issued.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: When?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: There were a number of persons and it could not, obviously, have been all on a single date.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether there are no prisoners under the Travancore Detention Act?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: None, Sir

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MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether all these orders were issued immediately after the publication of the Press Communique in respect of this matter?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: It was after the policy was published in the Press Communique that Government issued orders.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Are Messrs. A. K. Thampi and Gopala Pillai detained under the Travancore Detention and Restriction Act?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: No. All these orders have since been cancelled.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know under what law they are under detention now?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: They are not under detention now. There was a warrant for disobedience. Under that warrant they were arrested and the cases are pending trial.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know under what law, some people who are alleged to have led a procession here in connection with the food scarcity, are kept under custody?

PRESIDENT: Under the Penal Code. If there is an order of the District Magistrate prohibiting processions and if that is violated, the offence comes under the ordinary Penal Code.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is it not a restriction of Civil Liberties?

PRESIDENT: It is not, unless it is made out that all orders under the Penal Code are restrictions on civil liberty.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know why restriction was imposed on Mr. Cyril Kandathil?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: For prejudicial activities.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the nature of the prejudicial activities?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I can give it in detail if the honourable member comes to me.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartigapally*): Are there not people who have not been intimated of the fact that the ban has been lifted?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I cannot say that off-hand. But I remember most of the orders have been issued and acknowledgements have arrived in some cases; and some acknowledgements are arriving. I will check up in a few days and let him know.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member whether he was personally convinced of their prejudicial activities?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I think I am answering on behalf of Government.

Arrest and detention.

105. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reasons for the arrest and detention of Messrs C. N. Madhavan Pillai, M. A., B. L., G. Raghavan Pillai and Thariathu Kunjithommen; and

(*b*) the reasons for their release?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Prejudicial activity.

(*b*) Their statements and the hope that they will not further pursue such activity.

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